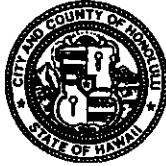


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February 1, 2012

The Honorable Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
and Committee Members  
Committee on Judiciary  
House of Representatives  
State of Hawaii  
State Capitol, Room 302  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran and Committee Members:

Subject: H.B. No. 1743, Relating to Driver Licensing

The City and County of Honolulu has no objections to H.B. No. 1743 which will increase the gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of vehicles that a category 3 licensee may operate.

We have found that manufacturers of new trucks and vans have with increased GVWR of their vehicles. For example, a Dodge Ram 4500 GVWR ranges from 15,000 pounds to 16,500 pounds and therefore exceeds the current category 3 license maximum of 15,000 pounds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis A. Kamimura".

Dennis A. Kamimura  
Licensing Administrator



February 2, 2012

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY  
ON HB 1743 RELATING TO DRIVER LICENSING**

Thank you Chair Keith-Agaran and committee members. I am Gareth Sakakida, Managing Director of the Hawaii Transportation Association (HTA) with over 400 transportation related members throughout the state of Hawaii.

Hawaii Transportation Association supports this bill.

Small delivery trucks have undergone an evolution due to environmental and safety factors, while maintaining its dimensions.

The environmental factors were mandated EPA engine upgrades, which was naturally followed by heavier duty brakes and suspensions making the vehicle safer and easier to operate. At the same time this system facilitates efficient use of the cube within the cargo body for greater productivity.

There is no noticeable handling or maneuverability difference with the newer designs so we support upgrading the Type 3 license to continue to operate this type of vehicle.

Thank you.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR  
HB 1743 (HSCR16-12)  
RELATING TO DRIVER LICENSING  
INCREASE THE TYPE 3 LICENSE THRESHOLD TO 18,000LBS. GVWR.

HEARING DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 02, 2012

TIME: 2:00 PM

PLACE: CONFERENCE ROOM 325, STATE CAPITOL, 415 SOUTH BERETANIA STREET

Honorable Representative Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair and members of the Committee on Judiciary:

I am here in support of HOUSE BILL 1743, RELATING TO DRIVER LICENSING.

My name is Brian Perry and I am the Lease Manager with Penske Truck Leasing. We lease trucks to over 100 companies Statewide in which most of them are locally owned. Penske Truck Leasing leases over 500 trucks.

SINCE 2007 WHEN TRUCK MANUFACTURERS WERE FORCED TO COMPLY WITH GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS BASED ON THE EPA MANDATED CLEAN AIR ACT, THE WEIGHT OF TRUCKS WAS PRIMARILY RAISED DUE TO ENGINE UPGRADES. THERE HAVE BEEN 2 UPGRADES, ONE IN 2007 AND ANOTHER IN 2010.

FOR EXAMPLE SINCE 2005, THE WEIGHT OF A REFRIGERATED TRUCK HAS INCREASED BY ABOUT 1,280 LBS.

THE HEAVIER THE TRUCK THE LESS WEIGHT THE TRUCK CAN CARRY FOR ITS DELIVERIES. BASED ON THESE FACTS THE CURRENT VEHICLE CAN ONLY CARRY A PAYLOAD OF APPROXIMATELY 2,000LBS. BECAUSE OF THESE LIMITATIONS, TRUCK MANUFACTURERS HAVE ELECTED TO NO LONGER BUILD THESE TRUCKS AT THE CURRENT 15,000 GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT (GVW).

INCREASING TYPE 3 LICENSE TO 18,000LBS. GVW, WILL ALLOW COMPANIES TO CARRY MORE PAYLOAD WITH A MORE ECONOMICAL TRUCK IN A SAFER MANNER.

NOT INCREASING TYPE 3 LICENSE TO 18,000LBS GVW, MAY PUT HARDSHIPS ON LOCAL COMPANIES CURRENTLY USING THESE TRUCKS IN THEIR FLEETS. NOT BEING ABLE TO REPLACE THE TRUCK AS THEY GET OLDER, COMPANIES WILL BE FORCED TO PURCHASE A BIGGER SIZE TRUCK WHICH WOULD MEAN HIGHER EXPENSES. EVERY FOOD SERVICE COMPANY THAT PENSKE LEASES TO, USES THIS TYPE OF TRUCK.

## COMPARISON OF THE 15,000GVW TRUCK TO THE 18,000GVW TRUCK

TRUCK SIZE IS THE SAME. LENGTH, WIDTH ARE THE SAME, HEIGHT CAN VARY AS IT IS TODAY.

DIFFERENCE OF THE TWO: BIGGER TIRES

HEAVIER DUTY SUSPENSION, FRONT AND REAR SPRINGS ( TO HANDLE THE HEAVIER LOAD )

HEAVIER DUTY BRAKES ( TO HANDLE THE HEAVIER LOAD )